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Family Readiness Center opens at Davis Hall

Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa (right), SETAF command sergeant major, receive a tour from Holly Gifford (center), Army Community Service director, and take a moment to speak with Denise Hauser (left), a Soldier and family life consultant, at the opening of the new Family Readiness Center Tuesday at Davis Hall. The FRC features deployment-related services and training for family members, Family Readiness Group leaders, Rear Detachment commanders and Army units. While the major player in the FRC is Army Community Service, other important organizations such as the American Red Cross, Child and Youth Services, and the School Liaison Officer have moved in, allowing family members a one-stop shop for readiness needs.

Upgrades to Davis Hall for the FRC include a living room area, childcare facilities and kitchen remodel. A translation service, staffed by volunteers, will offer free help in Italian and other languages. Eight computers with Internet access – four with Web cameras – will also be set up.

When the deployment starts, it's likely that other parts of the building will be open for expanded hours as well. During deployments, the Family Assistance Center will open and offer services. The FAC is a central point where families can receive official information and referrals to various support agencies for help with legal, medical, personnel, or housing concerns.

"I thank all of the agencies on Caserma Ederle that worked hard to make this Family Readiness Center happen," said Gifford. "They include Regional Contracting Agency,

Directorate of Public Works operations and work order desk, the 509th Signal Battalion for timely transfer of phone lines, the Management Information Systems division of the Directorate of Community Activities for their assistance in relocating and reconnecting computers, and the Directorate of Logistics for coordinating the moves of the other agencies to the Central Processing Facility. The FRC is the result of the entire community coming together to make it happen."

For more information about the FRC, contact Gifford at 634-7500. For questions about the FAC, contact Deployment Readiness Program Manager Rita Bonamego at 634-8523. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

SETAF Soldiers train for upcoming deployment

By Jason L. Austin
USAREUR Public Affairs

Soldiers of the Southern European Task Force and other members of the future Combined Joint Task Force-76, trained for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan during a recent mission rehearsal exercise at the 7th Army Training Command's Expeditionary Training Center, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

The MRX, Unified Endeavor, involved

Soldiers from numerous organizations from around the U.S. military, including reserve units and NATO partners.

"The training simulation is provided to the Southern European Task Force in a partnership between the 7th ATC, USAREUR units, and the Joint Forces Command; and that partnership together is providing the simulation architecture for the exercise," said Lt. Col. Mark Eastman, director of simulations, 7th ATC.

"Unified Endeavor is just one of the

many recent mission rehearsal exercises Joint Forces Command has been involved in," said Tony Billings, spokesperson, USJFCOM, based in Norfolk, Va. "U.S. Joint Forces Command is really a support organization. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines from those joint organizations we go out to train are really the deciding factor as to whether or not these things are successful."

The MRX prepares the task force headquarters staff for the responsibility of

the mission in Afghanistan.

"We go out into the field, we look at what the best practices are, we provide advice, we come back and we translate those best practices to the units who are about to go," Billings said. "Our objective is to make the mission rehearsal exercise as realistic as the actual situation, and thereby, we create a seamless transition from one command to the next."

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Sexual Assault: Not tolerated in this Army

By Gen. B.B. Bell
USAREUR Commanding General

Sexual assault is a violent crime that has no place in our Army. It is incompatible with our Army values and our standards of professionalism and discipline.

Allegations of sexual assault will be investigated promptly and impartially and resolved expeditiously. Leaders at all levels are responsible for providing a safe and healthy environment for those in their charge, and must take action to prevent sexual assault, protect and support victims, and hold offenders accountable by taking all appropriate administrative and judicial actions based on the facts and circumstances of each case.

Leaders must understand their inherent responsibility to respond-compassion-ately but resolutely-to allegations of sexual assault in their units. Commanders will conduct effective and meaningful preventive sexual harassment training as prescribed by AR 600-20.

Sexual assault is the second most-reported felony in the Army in Europe. Common factors in cases of sexual assault include the following:

- Young Soldiers (private through specialist) are the most likely victims and perpetrators.
- 76 percent of sexual assaults (including rape) occur in unlocked barracks or Government quarters.
- 74 percent of sexual assaults (including rape) involve alcohol.
- 50 percent of the rape victims know the alleged offender.
- Most sexual assaults occur between 1 and 5 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Leaders can influence many of the above factors through proactive preventative measures and education. Commanders can provide rape-prevention and alcohol-awareness training, implement more stringent barracks policy, and increase the presence of unit leadership during high-risk periods.

Leaders, equal opportunity advisers, and equal opportunity leaders are encouraged to frequent places where Soldiers socialize.

Commanders will ensure unit leaders understand the seriousness and potential consequences of sexual assault, and know the proper procedures for referring victims for medical treatment and counseling and for obtaining victim-witness liaison in a timely manner.

Victims of sexual assault must be helped and protected. I want victims to know that they have the following rights.

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for their dignity and privacy.
- The right to immediate and effective medical care and attention, including long-term follow-up.
- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender.
- The right to be notified of court proceedings.
- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense (unless the court determines otherwise).
- The right to talk with the attorney for the Government in the case.
- The right to seek damages in certain cases.

community-based services available through Army Community Services, and spiritual and faith-based counseling from Family Life chaplains. Victims deserve professional, competent, and compassionate assistance, including long-term follow-up. These services must be made available immediately to the victim following the allegation, regardless of the status of the criminal or command investigation.

Every member of our team deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. I want to ensure that you understand our responsibility and share my concern for the safety of the people who live and work in our communities. A vigorous public affairs and command information program will begin in the upcoming weeks to emphasize why this issue deserves our utmost attention. Use this program to reinforce our continued commitment to the well-being of our force.

• The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

Commanders must ensure that victims are aware of the personnel and agencies available in the command and community to help them through their difficult ordeal. These include but are not limited to law-enforcement officials, medical providers (social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists),

A special visit



Gen. Barry McCaffery (retired) speaks to the senior leaders and NCOs of the deploying units Friday in the theater. Gen. McCaffery included topics of discussion that would be essential knowledge for the leadership while in Afghanistan, like challenges faced, the purpose of leaders, leading during a crisis, foreign policy goals and an overview of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Gen. McCaffery is currently a distinguished professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He served 13 years overseas, completed four combat tours, commanded the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) during Desert Storm in Iraq, and retired the most highly decorated four-star general in the Army. (Photo by Sgt. Tara Teel, SETAF Public Affairs)

Community Action Council

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, e-mail your issue to CAC@setaf.army.mil or call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Contact CYS Central Registration at 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: *I was just wondering why Villaggio got the two new channels and the barracks here on post did not? If we are going to receive them when will it be?*

Response from Directorate of Public Works: The technical aspects of adding two additional AFN channels to the barracks, as recently provided for in Villaggio, should not be a problem. Cost to provide this upgrade as a project is being determined. Implementation of this project will be dependent upon the availability of funds.

Issue: *My family has had several dental check ups recently and, each time we have been at the dental clinic, the television is set to a station airing a show not intended for young children.*

Response from Dental Command: The

TV in the dental waiting area has been placed on a news channel.

Issue: *I have three children and I have been in this community since July 2002. One thing I am concerned about is that there aren't any structured pre-school programs, such as Sure Start, for children unless the parents are rank E-4 and below.*

I feel strongly that there should be a parallel program for children of parents rank E-5 and above.

The CDC's program is not a structured program and does not teach the children the basics they need for Kindergarten. The teachers are not allowed to teach unless the child shows some interest in their ABCs or 123s. The Asilo should be a choice not the only other option.

Responses from Directorate of Community Activities and Department of Defense Dependents Schools – DCA: Department of the Army Child and Youth Services has chosen a child development program called “Creative Curriculum” by Diane Tristler-Dodge to use in all Child Development Centers. CDCs must utilize Creative Curriculum in order to pass national and Department of Defense accreditation and certification.

In a nutshell, the Creative Curriculum is based on the theory that children learn best through play. There is sound research from early childhood educators to support this theory. There are many different child development curriculums in use that are very good. Creative Curriculum is one of these.

The Vicenza CDC uses Creative Curriculum throughout the classrooms. In order to encourage play, CDC focuses on classroom environments. Classrooms are set

up to include a variety of separate interest areas for two reasons. First, young children work best in small groups. By dividing space into smaller areas, the number of children may be limited in any one area. Secondly, we create interest areas to offer children clear choices.

Areas set aside for computers, books, art activities, or toys and games allow several choices for quiet activities. Areas set aside for dramatic play, block building, or woodworking activities offer children more active choices.

Below we have the listed some of the activities and their learning objectives:

Art: Children express ideas and feelings, develop fine motor skills as they use paint brushes, crayons, scissors, and other tools, and explore materials and make discoveries. Creative Curriculum emphasizes the process of art rather than the product that results from children’s play in the art area.

Dramatic Play: Children re-create familiar situations, family roles, community events, conquer fears like getting shots from the nurse or fighting a monster. They develop social skills like taking turns, negotiating and compromising, and abstract thinking skills.

Sand and Water: Children learn about shape, size and volume, test ideas, make discoveries, cooperate with others, and use small muscles to pour and dig. Children become scientists and mathematicians playing with sand and water, learning the properties of each, measuring, comparing, trying out experiments and using their imaginations

Library: Children learn about books and reading behaviors, listen to story tapes, read books with an adult, use small-muscle skills,

practice writing, and re-enact a familiar story.

Manipulatives: Children notice the characteristics of things, group items by shape, size, color, make patterns and constructions, use small muscles to manipulate pieces, follow the rules in playing games, count objects, explore and investigate.

The CDC furnishes a print-rich environment. Shelves are labeled with words and pictures and objects in the room are labeled with words. The alphabet is displayed in the classroom. Writing instruments are available to children at all times. This is to pique children’s interest in connecting letters with sounds and with words. Creative Curriculum does not advocate desks and structured practice sessions, like writing the alphabet or writing their name unless the child shows and interest in doing this. Our lesson plans are derived from the expressed interests of the children.

We encourage all parents to stop at the CDC to visit and see the curriculum in action and to discuss it with our curriculum specialists. We also encourage parents to request a list of skills that kindergarten teachers are looking for when children enter kindergarten. Also, check the Web site for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, our accrediting agency, at www.naeyc.org.

DoDDS: We appreciate the positive comments about the Sure Start program. We are pleased to offer such a program and wish that it was available for all children. Children of parents rank E-4 and below have first priority by the nature of the program. There is always a waiting list for this program. We are not funded to offer more than this program for pre-kindergarten children.

Situational awareness, seat belts aid in vehicle accident prevention

Safety Office
22nd Area Support Group

Recently Stars and Stripes listed four different accidents that involved uniformed personnel that either died or caused a death in vehicle related accidents.

Defensive driving or maintaining situational awareness is the key to accident prevention in all we do, but is critical when operating Privately Owned Vehicle, motorcycle or a military vehicle.

Situational awareness is not just looking ahead of your vehicle when driving down the road, it is being aware of the total operating environment inside and outside your vehicle.

Situational awareness is driving at the right speed for conditions; rain, snow, fog, or others. You are not maintaining situational awareness if you’re focused on making cell phone calls, changing

CDs, eating and drinking, or having your attention diverted away from driving.

Part of situational awareness is fastening your seat belt, understanding the consequences, and ensuring others have done the same (especially those who are not old enough to make the right decision for themselves – your children). U.S. DoD and Italian law require the use of seat belts.

Over the past six years the SETAF community has lost a total of nine Soldiers, dependents, and civilians in POV and Army Combat Vehicle accidents. Each of these accidents has its own individual circumstances but the common ingredient, or error, is failure to maintain situational awareness.

The nine fatalities involved seven separate accidents. Four of those who lost their lives were not wearing seat belts.

All four would be alive today if

they would have just fastened their seat belts and placed a small child in a car seat.

Here are brief explanations of these accidents:

- Vehicle lost control and overturned on the Autostrada. A dependant mother and her two-year old daughter, front seat passengers, not wearing seat belts, were killed. Driver and a young child in back seat survived.
- Vehicle lost control on an overpass due to icy conditions and overturned. Front seat passenger, a Soldier, not wearing his or her seat belt was killed. Driver survived with minor injury (wearing seat belt).
- Army Combat Vehicle struck guardrail due to excessive speed for conditions and overturned. Driver was not wearing seat belt and passenger seat belts were not fully installed (Should have dead lined vehicle). Soldier, a front seat

passenger, killed.

Analysis of these accidents indicated that all would have survived if they had just taken the time to fasten their seat belts. It takes approximately two seconds to fasten your seat belt.

Two other accidents resulted in the death of three Soldiers who were wearing seat belts.

- Vehicle collided head-on with a tractor-trailer. The investigation determined that the driver was attempting to make a cell phone call and drifted into the path of the oncoming truck.

- Vehicle involved in a high-speed, head-on collision. Two Soldiers in the front seats died. Two back seat passengers who were also wearing their seat belts survived. All four would have most likely died had they not been wearing

their seat belts in such a high-speed collision.

Two Soldiers died in motorcycle accidents.

- Soldier did not see a Stop Sign, went through the intersection and was hit broadside by a truck.

- Soldier tried to make an illegal pass on a blind curve and collided with an oncoming vehicle.

All these accidents were preventable. Some died simply because they did not wear their seat belts.

You must maintain situational awareness at all times when operating your POV or a government vehicle. You must also put the odds on your side of surviving an accident by wearing your seat belt.

Change of Command

Capt. Jason Kinkaid, incoming commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 509th Signal Battalion, addresses his troops for the first time during a change of command ceremony held at the post gym Friday. Kinkaid is replacing Capt. Benjamin Sangster. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Schulte, SETAF Public Affairs)

Soldiers erroneously refunded for meal deductions

Capt. Michael Hagerty
Commander, Detachment B, 208th Finance Battalion

Due to a system problem with mass rates, 257 Vicenza and Darby Soldiers have been erroneously refunded meal deductions ranging from \$5.33 to \$2257.80. Soldiers who receive a mid-month payment should see approximately one half of the overpayment in their January 2005 mid-month pay.

Collection of overpayments of \$500 or greater will be prorated over two months beginning with the Soldier’s end-of-month pay January. Overpayments less than \$500 will be collected in full from the Soldier’s end-of-month pay January.

A list of the Soldiers in Vicenza and Livorno who are affected has been sent to their unit. Also, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will notify Soldiers via AKO/email.

Insurance company to refund \$1.3 million to Soldiers

Office of Commissioner of Insurance
State of Georgia
News Release

Insurance Commissioner John W. Oxendine said as a result of an investigation by his office, American Amicable Life Insurance Company of Texas will refund \$1.3 million in life insurance premiums paid by certain active-duty Soldiers trained at Ft. Benning.

The company agreed to issue refunds to Soldiers at Ft. Benning who were solicited and sold term life insurance policies while they were in a training brigade during the year 2002.

It is estimated that 901 Soldiers will be eligible for the current round of refunds. Refunds will include all sales of the “Horizon Life” product, including lapsed or terminated policies as well as those currently in force. The amount of each refund will vary depending on how much the Soldier agreed to pay for insurance plus any additional funds accumulated under the policy.

“These refunds will not get the company off the hook with my office,” Oxendine said. “Our investigation will continue, and will address other concerns with sales practices by this company at Ft. Benning and at other Georgia military bases. There is also the issue of appropriate punishment, and making sure that this does not happen again.”

American Amicable will notify eligible Soldiers by mailing a notice to the permanent residence listed on their application. Soldiers will be required to submit an affidavit that affirms that the policy was sold while the Soldier was in basic training. The Soldier will have 180 days from the date of mailing to return the request for refund, with affidavit, to the company. If the Soldier is outside of the continental United States, that period will be suspended during the time the Soldier is away.

Oxendine emphasized that American Amicable will include anyone who comes forward and meets the above stated criteria for a refund, even if they failed to receive a formal notice from the company.

Consumers may contact Commissioner Oxendine’s Consumer Services Division at 404-656-2070 or toll-free at 1-800-656-2298, for further information.

Oxendine said the investigation began when allegations surfaced that certain agents of American Amicable, and other affiliated companies, violated various Department of Defense and Georgia Insurance Department regulations by identifying themselves as disinterested financial advisors while selling policies to Soldiers in training.

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Training from Page 1



A 105mm round exits the barrel of a M119A2, howitzer, fired by Soldiers of Delta Battery, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, at a range on the Grafenwoehr Training Area. The battery was refreshing some skills in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan. (Photos by Jason Austin, USAREUR Public Affairs)



Looking through a howitzer gun tube, targets can be seen downrange.



Above: Pvt. 1st Class Ben McKandles, Battery D, 319th Field Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade, flips a spent round out of a M119A2, 105mm howitzer, during gunnery training at a range in Grafenwoehr, Germany.
Right: Sgt. 1st Class Vilsmeier, section chief, Battery D, 319th Field Artillery, 173rd Airborne Brigade, uses a laser rangefinder to aim a M119A2, 105mm howitzer, on a Grafenwoehr Training Area range.

SETAF relies on many resources to train for a seamless transition. “We’ve been receiving a lot of help from the Joint Forces Command,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Iuniasolua Savusa, SETAF command sergeant major. “Along with that, we also have staff officers and commanders from the current JTF and the 25th Infantry, who have come here and provided updates on how they are currently doing business in country. “SETAF is not a divisional unit. It’s a two-star headquarters comprised from units around the Army. Collectively these parts along with servicemembers from other branches of the U.S. military and other NATO personnel form CJTF-76,” said Savusa. “This is the last chance for me to talk to all my senior NCOs and make sure they have the right



A SETAF security intelligence specialist works along side members from the Combined Joint Task Force-76 inside of the Joint Operations Center during Unified Endeavor in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

guidance to get the Soldiers in the final stage of preparedness,” Savusa said. Many SETAF Soldiers not participating in the MRX were also at Grafenwoehr to practice other skills and gear up for their deployment. “These Soldiers have been in training for the past year now and they are being well led by our NCOs,” Savusa said. “Some of the Soldiers are veterans themselves from previous deployments to Afghanistan, some from Iraq, and they understand. So there is a focus when you go out there and watch them train. They’re all about business. They are honing and trying to perfect their skills on how to take care of themselves, and also to seek out and destroy the enemy.” With training being so intense for these Soldiers, many of whom have been deployed for war or training for most of the last two

years, some skeptics may question the Soldier’s willingness to deploy, but not Savusa. “I think whatever you throw at these guys; they are willing to do it. And they are getting better at it everyday,” Savusa said. “You take care of these guys the way you’re supposed to, make sure they are trained properly prior to deployment and also take care of their families, ... and the Soldier will be willing to do anything for you.” Despite having been to Iraq and other places, the Soldiers realize the two theaters of operations are different. “It’s going to be different,” said Staff Sgt. Rodderic Johnson, section chief, Delta Battery, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173d Airborne Brigade, who had just completed a M119A2, 105mm howitzer, range with his team. “When we went [to Iraq] we started off going in when the war started. Going to Afghanistan will be different, everything is already stabilized, and we’re just going in and doing our job.” Johnson alluded to the need for training, but hopes peace allows him not to use the skills he is refining in himself and his Soldiers. “You don’t know what is going to happen, so, just go ahead and get the training done. Hopefully we won’t have to use this [howitzer].”



Walk 4 Freedom

Support our troops, get in shape

By Mikaela Cade
Health Promotion Coordinator
22nd Area Support Group

Last week, I told you I was going to Afghanistan. This week, I want to invite you to come along. Trips are often more fun when you have people traveling with you.

Knowing that you would never commit to something without first having all the details, here are answers to the most common questions surrounding the program:

What is Walk 4 Freedom?

Walk 4 Freedom is a community-wide wellness program designed to foster support for everyone affected by the deployment. It is a collaborative effort among members of the 22nd Area Support Group Health Promotion Council.

Who can participate?

You can. Participation is open to all community members. You can participate as an individual or group. (sports teams, class members, families, friends) You can participate even if you do not have someone deploying from your family.

What do I have to do?

Accrue the miles from Vicenza to Afghanistan. It is approximately 3,045 miles one way and 6,090 round trip. Each person is responsible for tracking their miles each day in order to achieve their goal.

How do I begin Walk 4 Freedom?

Register for the program and begin recording your miles. Log books will be distributed at the kick off event.

When can I start?

The kick off event will be held Feb. 18 from 4-6 p.m. in the post gym. You may begin logging your miles on that day until March 2006.

Do I have to start my program on Feb. 18?

No, you can start logging your miles whenever you choose, just keep in mind the goal is to Walk 4 Freedom before March 2006.

What if I won't be here for the full year and still want to participate?

Each quarter we will have validation stations where

we will collect miles, recognize program participants and distribute earned incentives. So you can participate for as long as you are here.

How do I track my miles?

Participants will use the honor system to track steps or miles accumulated each day in their log books. Every quarter, there will be validation stations where you will have an opportunity to have your log books validated and receive any earned incentives.

Where do I get a pedometer?

A pedometer will be given to each participant who completes a fitness assessment at the kick off event on Feb. 18 at the post gym. You can also purchase your own pedometer at AAFES main exchange or other retailers.

Do I have to have a fitness assessment to participate?

No. You can simply fill out a contract, pick up a log book and start logging your miles. The fitness assessments are for people who want to set specific goals and would like to have their progress monitored and checked during the year.

Are there any ways other than physical activity to earn miles?

Yes. You can also earn miles by participating in community classes, workshops and trainings. You can earn one mile for every 15 minutes of participation. For example, a one hour stress management class earns four miles. You can also earn bonus miles for attending identified community events.

What community agencies are giving miles for participation in their activities?

MWR Sports Office, Child and Youth Services, Army Community Service, Health Promotion, Family Advocacy, Chaplain Services, and many others. You will be able to recognize participating agencies from the Walk 4 Freedom logo displayed in their buildings.

Additionally, a detailed list will be published on Feb. 18 at the kick off and with updates being provided through the *Outlook* and AFN.

Who do I contact for questions about the program?

Contact the 22nd ASG Health Promotion Coordinator at 634-8828.

Vicenza schools come to aid of tsunami victims

By Megan Gafford
Outlook Staff

In the wake of the devastation left by the tsunami in Asia, Vicenza students and teachers pulled together several fundraising activities to send aid to the countless people who were left orphaned, homeless, and destitute.

In Vicenza High School, donation boxes for summer clothing and money were placed in hallways, classrooms, and in the VHS office.

To date, more than \$500 was collected and a van full of clothing was sent to Centro Buddhista. Centro Buddhista is a Sri Lankan organization that is coordinating efforts to send help to Sri Lankan victims of the tsunami.

Vicenza Elementary School student council raised money as well. Between Jan. 18 and Jan. 21, each day had a designated coin that was collected in every VES classroom: nickels on Tuesday, dimes on Wednesday, quarters on Thursday, and all donations were accepted on Friday. The money collected by VES was given to Save the Children Foundation for its Tsunami Relief Fund.

“We wanted to help the kids and people who lost their homes and family to the tsunami,” said 6th Grader Briana Gragwell, president of the VES student council. “We got our representatives to decorate the [collection] bottles. It’s going good.”

Cadets from the VHS Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program also began a contribution program.

“The JROTC cadets have made numerous trips to the Thrift Shop to pick up bags of clothes donated by the Thrift Shop as a whole, and from individuals in the community,” said Sheri Mahadeo, public affairs officer for the VHS JROTC. “So far, the JROTC cadets have collected about a dozen bags of clothing and still check to see if any more bags have come in.”

“We really would like to see a large outpouring because we, as Americans, have so much, and they lost everything,” said Myreta Davis, one of the VHS teachers who helped organize the fundraising.



AFAP conference works for positive changes
Army Family Advocacy Program conference delegates discuss items of interest in their area during a work group session Thursday in the Family Readiness Center. The yearly AFAP conference is an opportunity for members of the Vicenza military community to bring forward items of concern to the command and solicit help resolving these concerns. Issues that are out of control of the command, are forwarded up the chain to higher headquarters. (Photo by Diana Bahr, 22nd ASG Public Affairs)

Cougar basketball goes 6-0

After six games, the Vicenza High School boy's basketball team is undefeated. Vicenza outscored Sigonella Jan. 14, by ten points. Team captains, Stanley Douglas and Daryl Gonzalez, lead the way. During the game, Douglas was the top scorer with 17 points. Gonzalez followed with 14, Daryl Alexander and Anthony Gipson both scored 8 points. The two top rebounders were Gonzalez with 21 and Douglas with 12.

Vicenza gave Sigonella another chance Jan. 15, at home. Once again, the Vicenza boy's team came out roaring with another win to hold on to their undefeated title. The top scorer was Gonzalez with 16 points, followed by Alexander, 13 points, and Gipson, 12 points. Gonzalez grabbed the most rebounds with 22 and Jamal Harris got 14. The final score of the game was Vicenza 58 to Sigonella 46.

After four games the average points per game for their top scorers are: Gonzalez with 14.1, Alexander with 14.1, Ka' Vara Jackson with 13.0, Gipson with 12.0, and Douglas with 12.0.

Modern-day Rosie women nominations wanted

Nominations are now being accepted for the Modern Day Rosie recognition awards. You know Rosie, the 1940's icon, with her shirtsleeves rolled up and the "can do" attitude. She took over the jobs the men left behind as they headed off to war. And she never really gave them back.

But that's just part of it. Did you know that her entry in the workplace brought about day care and 24 hour grocery stores. That before Rosie, women rarely wore pants? Rosie's contributions went far beyond helping to win a war. They redirected our society.

And let's not forget the Rosie women who stayed at home during the war. These women have pushed, pulled, prodded and persevered through thick and thin, hope and hopelessness and have made a difference in enhancing the well being of women and women's rights in the home.

Submit your nominations now of modern day Rosie women who have shown dedication, inspiration, accomplishment and leadership to the community, employment, well being of family members and the global war against terrorism. Women will be recognized during Women's History Month in March.

For more information and application blanks, contact Cindy Pierson, Equal Employment officer at 634-7976 or via email at cynthia.pierson@setaf.army.mil or Sgt. First Class Tracy Johnson at 634-7093 or tracy.johnson@setaf.army.mil. Nomination deadline is Feb. 12.



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Carnevale time

Vicenza: *Carnevale* time is on Feb. 6 in the main square downtown starting at 2:30 p.m.

In the town of Camisano, the carnival parade will take place on Feb. 6 starting at 2:30 p.m.

In Santa Maria di Camisano the parade will be held on Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Expect the main roads of each town to be closed to traffic during these events.

Padova: Sunday in San Giorgio di Pertiche at 2:30 p.m. there will be a *Carnevale* parade through the main streets. Also find a small luna park with rides for children.

Sunday, Feb. 6 and 8 in Casale di Scodosia at 2:30 p.m. there will be a large *Carnevale* parade with floats.

Verona: For something different, spend the last evening of *Carnevale*, Feb. 8, in the company of medieval knights, dancers and musicians in the 14th century castle in the town of Bevilacqua, province of Verona. The evening, that starts at 8:30 p.m., includes a medieval dinner, including beverages, and

dancing. Cost is 35 euro a person, children 6-10 years of age are 15 euro, age 5 or younger are free. There is also the possibility to rent a medieval costume for 10 euro.

There will be a romantic candlelight dinner at 8:30 p.m. with live background music on St. Valentines Day, Feb. 14. Cost per person is 40 euro.

The town of Bevilacqua is located 45 kilometers from Vicenza. The earlier you book the more chance of getting a table. See www.castellodibevilacqua.com or phone 0442-93655 or 0442-649421 for reservations. Italian language only.

Venice: The Venice *Carnevale* parades are Saturday and Sunday. The “Angel’s Flight” in San Marco’s square on Sunday at noon is proceeded at 11 a.m. with the arrival of the historical parade. In the afternoon from 2-5 p.m., the European Festival of Historical Re-enactment City of Venice organization will sponsor events on a main stage in St. Marco’s square – see dances, music, shows,

jugglers, and scenes of life from centuries past displayed by re-enactors from all of Europe. Full program details are available on www.carnevale.venezia.it. Some pages are in English.

Exhibitions

Verona: *Viva la Casa*, an exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles, including sections of contemporary furniture and design, is taking place at the exhibition grounds. Open weekdays 2-10 p.m. Entrance fee is 4 euro. On weekends 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance fee is 7 euro. The last day is Sunday. The exhibition grounds are located near the Verona south autostrada exit.

Following the above furniture show will be the 3rd Luxury and Yachts exhibition. Find everything from luxury yachts and cars to fishing rods and jewelry. Held Feb. 5-13. Entrance fee is 18 euro. Open weekdays 2:30-7 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Padova: Everything that is needed for the wedding pair *E Sposi* is in the exhibition at this city’s exhibition grounds. Open this weekend and Feb. 5-6 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Arts and crafts fair

The *Fiera di Sant’Orso* Arts and Crafts Fair in the city of Aosta, is open this weekend. It is reckoned to be one of the most important street markets in the region. You’ll compete with thousands of buyers – and almost as many vendors – for beautifully crafted objects in wood, wrought iron, lace, straw, wicker, household objects, wooden ladders, barrels, hand-woven fabrics, and more. The Fair is also an occasion for music, folklore and tasting the wine and food that is traditional to the area.

Each evening there is musical entertainment in the illuminated streets, which brings crowds of people there until dawn. Also, don’t find it surprising if someone offers you a strange mug with many spouts full of steaming liquid – it’s the local *coppa dell’amicizia*, cup of friendship, a spicy coffee drink that is traditionally passed among friends.

If going by car you will have to park on the outskirts of the city. A free bus ride is provided to and from the center of the city. The bus also stops at the train station.

Indoor tennis

The International Indoor Tennis Tournament at the Palalido Arena in Milan is an event that attracts many of the world’s top stars for a week of high-class tennis.

The tournament purse of 323,250 euro will be awarded to the winner. Playoff games will be from Jan. 31 through Feb. 6.

Further information can be obtained from the Milan Tourist Info Office at 02-72524301 or visit www.atptour.com in Italian.

Folk music

The 10th edition of *Vo’ on the Folks* will kick-off on Saturday in the town of Vo’, a suburb of the town of Brendola, 16 kilometers from Vicenza with the Anglo-

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

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| Jan. 26 | After the Sunset | 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 27 | Closed | 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | Spongebob Squarepants (PG) | 7 p.m. |
| | Closer (R) | 10 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | National Treasure (PG) | 2 p.m. |
| | Closer (R) | 7 p.m. |
| | Seed of Chucky (PG) | 10 p.m. |
| Jan. 30 | Spongebob Squarepants (PG) | 2 p.m. |
| | National Treasure (PG) | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 2 | Spongebob Squarepants (PG) | 7 p.m. |

Camp Darby Theater

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| Jan. 28 | Alexander (R) | 7 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (R) | 7 p.m. |

Movie Synopsis

CLOSER - *Julia Roberts, Jude Law* - An uncompromisingly honest look at modern relationships, Closer is the story of four strangers and their chance meetings, instant attractions, and brutal betrayals. Based on a play by Patrick Marber, the couples find out that love can disappoint when one of them experiences an affair. One man falls in love with his sweetheart at first sight, but, the characters later ponder, is there such a thing as instant passion?

SEED OF CHUCKY - *Jennifer Tilly, Hannah Spearitt* - Glen is the orphan doll offspring of the irrepressible devilish-doll-come-to-life Chucky and his equally twisted bride Tiffany. When production starts on the movie detailing the urban legend of his parents’ lethal exploits, Glen heads for Hollywood where he brings his bloodthirsty parents back from the dead. The family dynamics are far from perfect as Chucky and Tiffany go Hollywood and get rolling on a new spree of murderous mayhem.

BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON - *Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth* - Six weeks after the events in Bridget Jones’s Diary, erstwhile London singleton Bridget Jones is still happily dating human-rights lawyer Mark Darcy. But eventually she starts to notice his flaws and begins wondering if he isn’t interested in his new co-worker. Bridget’s love life is further complicated when her former boss and flame Daniel Cleaver arrives on the scene, having landed a job at Bridget’s TV station.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Massage, nails, hair care

AAFES Italy Consolidated General Manager Paula Gunderson and 22nd Area Support Group Deputy Commander Lt. Col. William Hogan cut the ribbon opening the newly renovated Family Hair Care facility across from the post office Friday. The facility has a new look. In fact, the new AAFES identity standards, which were developed to create a brand image customers can recognize when they shop at any AAFES concession services worldwide, are in place and enhance the image of the new facility. The facility has a separate manicure/pedicure room. Three additional hair care stations were added to ensure speedy service. The family hair care provides hair care service to children, men, and women. They also provide specialty hair care services such as ethnic hair care. The highlight of the facility is the massage area that includes two massage rooms and a separate shower. To book your reservation for massage, nail and hair care, call 634-6097. Hair care walk-ins are also available. The hours of operation area Monday - Wednesday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed on Thursday. Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday noon-6 p.m. (Photo by Sgt. Allison Anderson, SETAF Public Affairs)

Indian group Achanak, who will be playing Bhangra, a lively form of music and dance that originated in the Punjab region in Southeast Asia.

On Feb. 12 see a duo from England, Magna Carta. Chris and Linda Simpson, who have been together since 1984 will, apart from playing their latest songs, sing some of their past hits such as “The Airport Song” and “For the Gypsy.”

Feb. 26 see Djamel Laroussi, an Algerian guitarist who has worked with Chet Atkins, play music from his latest CD titled “Etolil Filante.”

Rounding off the folk event will be the Finlay MacDonald Band with Finlay on highland pipes,

lowland pipes and whistles, Chris Stout on fiddle, Kevin MacKenzie on guitar, Fergus MacKenzie drums and percussion, and Quee MacArthur on bass.

All performances start at 9 p.m. and will be held in the *Sala della Comunita’*, community room, in the town of Vo’. Tickets cost 10.50 euro and can be reserved by calling 339-5060122. Italian spoken. For further information call 348-3046782. English spoken.

The group of Frank Zapper, The Grande Mothers of Invention, will play in the bar Magic Bus in the town of Marcon, province of Venice on Saturday evening. The bar is located on Via delle Industrie.

Caserma Ederle Sports Office

**Deployment Invitational Racquetball Tournament
Played Jan. 14-15**

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| Beginners Category | 1st Place – Matthew Beverly 2nd Place – Mareta Savusa |
| Intermediate Category | 1st Place – Bill Wynegar 2nd Place – Richard Thomas |
| Advance Category | 1st Place – Robert Johnson 2nd Place – Richard Thomas |
| Singles Open | 1st Place – Robert Johnson 2nd Place Giovanni Silvestri |
| Doubles Category | 1st Place – Ed Hellon & Giovanni Silvestri 2nd Place – Richard Teniente & Mareta Savusa |



Carnevale in Venice

Story and photos
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Not only children are looking forward to wearing their masks and costumes. In fact, during this time of the year that precedes Lent, harlequins, Zorros and fairies will meet in squares from towns to cities to celebrate this year's *Carnevale*, Carnival.

One of the most famous Italian cities for *Carnevale* is Venice, where it dates back to 1094 in some government documents. Later on, in 1296, the Senate declared that Mardi Gras, the last day before Ash Wednesday would be a holiday.

For centuries, the Venetian *Carnevale* started in October, corresponding with the time of the opening of the theatres in the city and lasting for months. Everybody was allowed to wear masks from ordinary people to aristocracy, and the peak of festivities, balls and parades were held on the last Thursday and Tuesday before Lent.

It reached its climax in the 18th century and the *bauta* was considered the popular costume, which in addition to the white mask, named *larva*, consisted of a black silk hood, a lace cape, a black *tabarro*, or cloak and also a *tricorno*, three-cornered hat. The wearer of this costume was completely covered and incognito.

In 1797, Napoleon stopped the *Carnevale* festivities with the ending of the Venetian Republic.

Only in 1979, the *Carnevale* of Venice Committee brought back the splendor and the vivacity of the past by promoting events such as the *Volo dell'Angelo*, Flight of the Angel, the water parade along the *Canale Grande* and the fireworks that conclude the procession.

All these events and others take place



During *Carnevale*, the streets of Venice fill with people in costumes and masks for the celebrations.

in Venice the ten days before Lent, which this year is between Jan. 28-Feb. 8.

The official opening takes place in St. Mark's Square Jan. 30 at noon with the Flight of the Angel, a traditional event that became popular in the middle of the 1500s, when a Turkish acrobat walked a tightrope from a boat up to the top of the Bell Tower during the festivities.

A program of events is available on the website www.carnevale.venezia.it. Some parts of the site are in English.

Carnevale with BOSS – The annual BOSS *Carnevale* Boat Cruise trip is Feb. 5 from 6 a.m.-11 p.m. Cost is 45 euro per person.

The cruise stops at two popular islands in Venice: Murano and Burano. After the cruise, it's off to St. Mark's Square to enjoy the *Carnevale* festivities.

Sign up at SatoTravel, located in their new office across from the Shoppette.

Viareggio Carnevale

By Chiara Mattirollo
Camp Darby Public Affairs

The Viareggio *Carnevale* is a most beautiful and spectacular event to see.

The idea of organizing a parade of floats to celebrate *Carnevale* outdoors was developed by some youth of the well-to-do society in February of 1873.

World War I almost destroyed the *Carnevale* tradition in Viareggio, however it flourished again in 1921, when the masked floats paraded along the two avenues which run parallel along the beach.

In 1923 *Pierrot*, the most nostalgic and romantic among the masks, was the first figure to move its head and eyes.

In 1925 when papier-mâché was introduced, it enabled the makers to create huge, yet light constructions. Because of their creative abilities, the float makers were soon named the papier-mâché wizards by both national and international press.

After World War II, the *Carnevale* of Viareggio recovered its full splendor, and in 1954 national broadcasting, and then Eurovision, began broadcasting it throughout the world.

This year the *Carnevale* is entirely dedicated to solidarity initiatives for the children of South Asian.

This year's program started on Saturday with a parade and fireworks, but there is still more to see. Here is the schedule:

Toscana in Festa on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Carnevale e' pace, viva la pace on Feb. 6 at 2:30 p.m.

Viareggio in Festa on Feb. 8 at 5 p.m.

L'Europa al Carnevale on Feb. 13 at 5 p.m.

Every year a long list of famous guests, from politicians, artists and athletes, come to Viareggio to admire their own papier-mâché reproductions, and thousands of visitors contribute to the success of this famous event by participating.

The cost of the entrance is 13 euros for adults and 9 euros for children ages 11 to 12, children 10 years and younger are free.

Viareggio is only about a 30 minutes drive from Camp Darby, and Information, Tours and Recreation can provide you with more information. Call ITR at 633-7589.



(This photo and the photo of the two masked people with gold and black feathers are by Julia Bobick, a former editor of *The Outlook*)